

Historic Photo Exhibit of Chinese Restaurants in New England at Chinatown Storefront Library

640 Washington St, Boston

Opening Ceremony

Wed. Dec. 9, 5-7 p.m. at Chinatown Storefront Library, 640 Washington St., Boston

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Chow Mein, Chicken Wings, and Cheeseburgers: Recalling Downcity Chinese in the Postwar Era is a photo exhibit of historic Chinese restaurants in New England that revisits the world of Chinese restaurants in downtown Providence from its heyday in the wake of World War II through its decline in the 1980s. The exhibit remembers Ming Garden, Mee Hong, and Luke's Restaurant through the families that owned and ran them. It also explores the consumption of Chinese food and culture by the greater Downcity Providence community.



The Chinese Historical Society of New England brings to Boston an exhibit that originally was on display at the Culinary Arts Museum at Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. The exhibit will also feature historic restaurant photos and materials from the CHSNE collection.

The Chinese Historical Society of New England (CHSNE) hosted an opening ceremony on December 9, 2009 that included a brief presentation by Heather Lee and Amy Johnson, co-curators, and comments by John Eng-Wong, visiting scholar from Brown University's Center for the Study of Race & Ethnicity in America. The exhibit at the Chinatown Storefront Library is free and open to the public through January 17, 2010.